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# WESTLAW

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**Description:** WESTLAW is a computer assisted legal research tool which indexes primary and secondary legal materials. The net result of a WESTLAW search is a compilation of cases or other texts that contain the research terms specified by your query. The full text can be retrieved.

**Features:** Items may be searched by key terms and connectors which specify the relationship between terms. WESTLAW is capable of indexing every significant word rather than only selected key terms in a document.

**Location:** Law Library (JRCB) 3rd floor.

**Assistance:** Inquire at the Law Library Reference Desk.

# NEXIS

**Description:** The NEXIS service is a full-text research and information retrieval service containing a number of general business and constantly updated news information databases.

**Features:** NEXIS is composed of individual files, groups of files, or files grouped by subject. You may choose to search all of the files or any of these specific groups of files. Items are searched by words and/or phrases as specified by the searcher. Search requests are based on Boolean search terms and connectors.

**Location:** Law Library (JRCB) 3rd floor.

**Assistance:** Inquire at the Law Library Reference Desk.

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## Computer Systems Available at B.Y.U. Libraries

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B.Y.U. libraries offer several computer systems for access to bibliographic information. This brochure provides descriptions of the systems, their purposes, and how to find out more about them. These systems are available all hours the libraries are open except as noted.

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# H a r o l d B . L e e LIBRARY

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

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# BYLINE\*

**Description:** An online catalog of most titles added to the Lee Library since 1978 and all Law Library books. Also includes many government documents and materials in B.Y.U. branch libraries. Provides bibliographic information, call number, location, and circulation status.

**Features:** Looked up by author, title, subject, or keyword. Keyword searching is available only on designated **KEYWORD** terminals. BYLINE screens will indicate the location and call number of the item and the due date for items currently charged out. You may place a hold or recall for materials charged out by contacting the Circulation desk. Also listed are items that have been ordered or received, but are not yet on the shelf ready for use. The Circulation desk can also assist you in obtaining these items.

**Location:** In the Lee Library terminals are located adjacent to the card catalog and near the reference desk on each floor of the library. Terminals are also located in the Law Library, Tanner Library, and Learning Resource Centers. Remote access from home with a computer equipped with a modem is possible.

**Assistance:** Help screens describing search procedures are available on the system. You may also attend workshops offered at various times throughout the year. Schedules for workshops are available by typing **NEWS** and pressing the enter key on BYLINE. Further assistance is available by inquiring at a reference desk.

\* BYLINE (Brigham Young Libraries Information Network)



**Description:** UNIS is the University of Utah's online public access catalog.

**Features:** UNIS is searched just like BYLINE (BYU's online catalog).

**Location:** North of the General Reference Desk on level 3.

**Assistance:** Inquire at the General Reference Desk on level 3.

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# LAW LIBRARY



**Description:** LEXIS is a computerized legal research system. The database includes the full text of all current federal and state appellate court decisions. It also includes retrospective coverage from various jurisdictions and lower federal court opinions that are not published in any printed source. It includes several non-legal databases.

**Features:** LEXIS is divided by subject or jurisdiction into "libraries" which are further subdivided into appropriate "files". Items are searched by words and/or phrases as specified by the searcher. Search requests are based on Boolean search terms and connectors.

**Location:** On the 3rd floor of the Law Library (JRCB) and Tanner Business Library (410 TNRB). Lexis is available in the Tanner Business Library only after 4 p.m.

**Assistance:** Ask at the Law Library Reference Desk or at the Tanner Business Library Desk.



**Description:** An automated index to over 700 law periodicals and additional periodicals which contain law-related articles. Coverage includes articles published since 1980.

**Features:** Articles can be searched under Library of Congress subject headings. Cross-references and subheadings give additional terms which can be searched. The printout gives author, title, journal name, volume, and date of publication.

**Location:** The terminal is located in the Law Library near the reference desk on the third floor.

**Assistance:** Basic instructions are posted at each terminal. For further assistance ask at the Law Reference Desk.

  
  

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**Description:** Medline is a comprehensive database of medical literature collected and indexed by the National Library of Medicine. The CD database covers materials from 1983 to the present. Information from 1966 to the present is available through the CARS office.

**Features:** Searching is by keywords, authors, titles, publication dates, language, etc. Printouts from you search may be formatted in several ways to provide needed information.

**Location:** Level 2 Reference area.

**Assistance:** A printed searching aid is available at level 2 reference desk.

  

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**Description/Features:** Agri/Stats is an agricultural statistics database. It is divided into two major areas: crop data and animal. Such information as county estimates, grain stocks, livestock, and cattle are subdivisinal categories you can use to formulate statistical information. Totals may be requested by states, years, or districts.

**Location:** Level 2 reference area.

**Assistance:** Inquire at level 2 reference desk.

  

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**Description:** AGRICOLA is a comprehensive database of agricultural literature. The base for the database is materials collected and indexed by the National Agricultural Library. The database coverage begins in 1984.

**Features:** Searching is by keywords, authors, titles, publication dates, language, etc. Printouts from you search may be formatted in several ways to provide needed information.

**Location:** Level 2 Reference area.

**Assistance:** A brochure is available at the second level reference desk.

  
  

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**Description:** Current Clothing & Textile Index indexes publications in the literature of the fashion industry and the textile industry.

**Features:** Searches may be performed by author, title, subject, key terms, and journal entry.

**Location:** Level 2 reference area.

**Assistance:** Inquire at level 2 reference desk.

  

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**Description:** ERIC is a large bibliographic database containing reference information on numerous journal articles from over 750 journals, cited in the Current Index to Journals in Education (CJIE), and other documents, cited in the Resources in Education (RIE), related to education. Coverage begins in 1966.

**Features:** Searching is available by vocabulary in the Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors, keywords, authors, titles, publication dates, language, etc. The printouts from your search contain the ERIC document or journal number, author, title, publication date, language, journal citation, descriptors, and an abstract about the item.

**Location:** Terminals and sign up sheets are located near the reference desk on Level 1 and in the Education Learning Resource Center at 100 MCKB. You must sign up for a block of time to do your search.

**Assistance:** An instruction packet entitled How to Use the SilverPlatter Software to Search the ERIC CD ROM is available near the terminals on Level 1. Additional assistance is available at the reference desk on Level 1 or at the Education Learning Resource Center.

# CIS Masterfile

**Description/**

CIS Masterfile is an computerized version of the Congressional Information Service indexes.

**Features:**

The file includes indexing to proceedings of Congress including legislative histories, committee prints, committee hearings, and House and Senate reports and documents.

**Location:**

Documents and Maps on Level 1 of the Lee Library.

**Assistance:**

Inquire at Level 1 Reference Desk.

**Description:**

## Sociofile

Sociofile is a computerized index of the Sociological Abstracts. Coverage on the CD computerized index begins in 1974 and continues to the present. Sociofile provides indexing to articles in over 700 periodicals in fields related to sociology.

**Features:**

Searching is available by using vocabulary in the Thesaurus of Sociological Terms, keywords, authors, titles, publication dates, language, etc. Printouts from you search may be formatted in several ways to provide needed information.

**Location:**

Terminal and sign up sheets are located in the Level 1 Reference area. You must sign up for a block of time to perform your search. The database is available from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily except Sunday.

**Assistance:**

The instruction packet for the ERIC database is useful for searching Sociofile. Additional assistance is available at the reference desk on level 1.

## PAIS

**Description/  
Features:**

PAIS (Public Affairs Information Service) is an index to a the latest books, pamphlets, government publications, reports of private and public agencies, and periodical articles relating to business, economics, social conditions, public administration, and international relations. These materials are published throughout the world in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, or Portuguese.

**Location:**

Sign up sheets and terminals are available in the level 1 reference area.

**Assistance:**

Inquire at the first level reference area.

# Phone Disc

**Description:**

Phone Disc is a computerized phone book currently containing phone numbers for everyone east of the Mississippi. The index for persons west of the Mississippi and Yellow Page entries are expected early in the Fall 1990 semester.

**Features:**

Search by name, variant spelling of a name, address, city or state.

**Location:**

Level 3 Reference area.

**Assistance:**

Inquire at the General Reference Desk on Level 3.

## ERIC

**Description:**

ERIC is an online database of books, serials, sound recordings, datafiles, scores, and visual materials representing the collective holdings of many libraries throughout the United States and Canada. The database is that of OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) located in Ohio. This database is the largest collective database of the holdings of multiple libraries.

**Features:**

Searching access is by author, title, subject and/or key words.

**Location:**

North of the General Reference Desk on level 3.

**Assistance:**

Inquire at the General Reference Desk on level 3.

## PC-SIG

**Description/  
Features:**

PC-SIG is a collection of over ten thousand freeware and shareware computer programs.

**Location:**

Level 2 Reference area.

**Assistance:**

Inquire at level 2 reference desk.

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## *UMI/Dissertation Abstracts*

**Description:** This is an index to dissertations for which degrees were awarded from universities in the United States.

**Features:** You may search for authors, titles, subjects, or keywords from abstracts of dissertations. Information includes the UMI order number to purchase a copy of the dissertation as well as the University awarding the degree, the date of award, author, title, and abstract.

**Location:** Near the General Reference desk on Level 3.

**Assistance:** Basic instructions are posted near the terminal. For further assistance inquire at the reference desk.

## *UMI/Newspaper Abstracts*

**Description:** This source indexes newspaper articles published in several major newspapers.

**Features:** You may search for authors, titles, keywords, dates, or by newspaper name to obtain citations to specific newspaper articles.

**Location:** Near the General Reference desk on Level 3.

**Assistance:** Basic instructions are posted near the terminal. For further assistance inquire at the reference desk.

## *UMI/Periodicals Abstracts*

**Description:** This source indexes over 300 general periodicals. Thus its coverage is broader than Reader's Guide.

**Features:** You may search by subjects, authors, and keywords to retrieve citations for popular and current events magazine articles.

**Location:** Near the General Reference desk on Level 3

**Assistance:** Basic instructions are posted near the terminal. For further assistance inquire at the Reference desk.

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## PsychLIT

**Description:** PsychLIT provides access to articles indexed in over 1500 Psychology journals.

**Features:** Searching is available by vocabulary in the Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms, keywords, authors, titles, publication dates, language, etc. Printouts for your search contain the journal number, author, title, publication date, language, journal citation, descriptors, and an abstract about the item.

**Location:** Terminal and sign up sheets are located near the Reference desk on Level 1.

**Assistance:** Inquire at the Reference desk on Level 1.

## *Census CD-ROM*

**Description:** Census CD-Rom contains summary statistics for all persons in the United States, farms, business establishments, manufacturing establishments, and population and per-capita income. Information is available only for various dates in the 1980s.

**Features:** Data is accessible by such unique entry points such as the 5-digit zip codes, by state, county, or specific places within states.

**Location:** Documents and Maps on Level 1 of the Lee Library.

**Assistance:** Inquire at Level 1 Reference Desk.

# SUPERMAP

**Description:** SuperMap contains data for the 1980 U.S. Census of population and housing as well as a wide variety of other social and economic data.

**Features:** The software retrieves, manipulates, and displays graphically data subsets as selected by the user. The unique feature of SuperMap is that the data can be displayed in such graphic presentations as tables, pie charts, or maps and data can be downloaded for manipulation into other software packages (Lotus 1,2,3).

**Location:** Documents and Maps on Level 1 of the Lee Library.

**Assistance:** Inquire at Level 1 Reference Desk.

# Nurses Search

**Description/Features:** NurseSearch or Nursing & Allied Health CINAHL on CD provides indexing for periodical literature in the areas of nursing and health care. The CD index begins coverage in 1983.

**Location:** Kimball Tower Learning Resource Center (100 SWKT). Database is available 8a.m.-7p.m. Mon. and Fri., 8a.m.-10p.m. Tues. - Thurs. and 9a.m.-3p.m. on Sat.

**Assistance:** Inquire at the circulation desk in the Kimball Tower Learning Resource Center.

# FAMILYSEARCH

**Description:** A unique database comprised of three menus. IGI, Ancestral File, and The Family History Library Catalog.

**Features:** IGI allows the patron to access completed LDS ordinances from a database of over 140 million names. Ancestral File may be printed out or downloaded to IBM compatible formats. Family History Library Catalog is an index to all books and films available from the SLC granite mountain vault.

**Location:** Utah Valley Regional Family History Center and Microforms area, Room 4386 HBLL, 4th floor.

**Assistance:** Attendants on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

# CARS

**Description:** Provides access to over 350 periodical indexes and gives citations to articles (author, title and source). The printout primarily lists references to journal articles but also includes some books, dissertations, conference papers, etc.

**Features:** This service gives access to scholarly and technical research materials in most subject areas. The references to journal articles give the journal name, volume, date and pages. There is a cost for CARS searching which varies according to databases accessed and number of references retrieved. B.Y.U. libraries may not have every journal listed on the printout.

**Location:** The CARS office is located in room 3230 Lee Library. Hours vary, please call 378-5627. Similar services are available in the Tanner Library and the Law Library.

**Assistance:** To make an appointment for a search or to learn more about this service, go to the General Reference Desk or the Tanner Library Reference Desk. If your search is specific to collections located on various floors of the Lee Library, you may inquire directly at the Reference Desk on that Level. The Reference Desk on Level 4 makes appointments for collections housed on Levels 4 and 5.

## \* CARS (Computer-Assisted Research Service)

# WORDCRUNCHER

**Description:** WORD CRUNCHER is a full text index to important literary works for authors such as Shakespeare, Twain, Hawthorne, Melville, Whitman, etc. as well as historical works such as the U.S. Constitution and Federalist Papers.

**Features:** You may search by any keywords the entire texts of the works of various authors or historically important documents.

**Location:** Level 5 (Literary) or Level 4 (Historical) Reference desk.

**Assistance:** Inquire at Level 5 or Level 4 Reference desk.

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# RLIN\*

**Description:** An online catalog of materials in over 50 U.S. research libraries, including titles cataloged at B.Y.U. since 1978 and holdings at the **Center for Research Libraries**. Provides bibliographic information and indicates which libraries have copies of the item.

**Features:** Items may be looked up by author, title, subject, call number, and a number of other access points. Especially useful for finding full cataloging information on current titles. Indicates by code those items available at B.Y.U. libraries. Includes several million records, making it a vast resource.

**Location:** Terminals are located at the Lee Library reference desks on Levels 2, 3, 4, and 5; the Asian Collection on Level 1; and at the Law Library. RLIN is available for searching Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m.

**Assistance:** Basic instructions are posted near each terminal. For additional assistance inquire at the nearest reference desk.

\* **RLIN** (Research Libraries Information Network)

# LDS INDEXES

**Description:** Includes the full text of all of the scriptures used by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as well as the following LDS books: Documentary History of the Church, Jesus the Christ, The Articles of Faith, Teachings of Joseph Smith, Lectures on Faith, The Miracle of Forgiveness and Early Mormon Diaries, Journals and Auto-biographies from the Joseph Smith period.

**Features:** You may search by any word or phrase in the entire text of the books or scriptures.

**Location:** Level 4 Reference desk. Available during Reference Desk service hours.

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Tanner Business LIBRARY

# INFORM

**Description:** An automated index to popular magazines, business-related journals, and two national newspapers. Indexes journal articles for the previous 3 years, plus the current year. It also includes some abstracts and articles, and in some cases we have the full text on microfilm.

**Features:** Articles can be searched under Library of Congress subject headings. Cross-references and subheadings give additional terms which can be searched. The printout gives author, title, journal name, volume, and date of publication.

**Location:** Tanner Business Library (410 TNRB).

**Assistance:** Basic instructions are posted at the terminal. For further assistance ask at the Tanner Business Library desk.

# ABI/Inform

**Description:** Consists of abstracts and indexes to articles contained in over 700 business journals.

**Features:** Allows for searching by keywords, title, journal, date, company, etc. Truncation of terms is also available. Search results list the basic bibliographic information as well as the citation for the article.

**Location:** Tanner Business Library (410 TNRB).

**Assistance:** Basic instructions are posted near the terminal. For additional assistance inquire at the Tanner Reference Desk.

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## Market Center

**Description:** MARKET CENTER is a tool which lets you monitor stock, option and commodity quotations.

**Features:** Search for real-time stock, option and commodity quotations from domestic and foreign exchanges. Information includes last price, net change, time, total volume, daily high/low prices, and opening/closing prices and ranges.

**Location:** Tanner Business Library (410 TNRB).

**Assistance:** Inquire at the Tanner Reference desk.

# NIKKEI\*

**Description:** A current news service and database of current periodical literature published in Japan. Full texts of some articles are available for searching.

**Features:** Items may be searched by keyword and limited by date and publication name. Full Boolean operations and combinations of search terms may be employed. There is a charge for searching.

**Location:** Tanner Business Library (410 TNRB).

**Assistance:** Basic instructions are posted near the terminal. For additional assistance inquire at the Tanner Reference Desk.

\* Nikkei Telecom (Japan News & Retrieval)

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## WILSONDISC

**Description:** WILSONDISC allows you to search for citations to articles, reports, and book reviews in the following indexes: Art Index, MLA (Modern Language Association) Index, Applied Science & Technology, General Science Index, Biological & Agricultural Index, Humanities Index, Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, Social Science Index, and the Index to Legal Periodicals.

**Features:** Four different types of searches (BROWSE, WILSEARCH, WILSONLINE, and EXPERT) are available depending on your needs. You may use topical headings, subject words, author names, title words, journal names, and organization names. Your printout includes basic bibliographic information as well as the citation for the journal in which the article is included. B.Y.U. libraries may not have all the journals indexed on WILSONDISC.

**Location:** Terminals are located near the reference desks on Levels 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the Lee Library. Indexes are available for searching only during Reference Desk hours.

- Level 5 -- Art Index, MLA Index
- Level 4 -- Humanities Index, Social Science Index
- Level 2 -- General Science Index, Applied Science & Technology Index, Biological & Agricultural Index
- Level 1 -- Social Science Index

The Index to Legal Periodicals is available at the Law Library near the third floor reference desk. The next most recent copy of the Social Science Index is available at the Kimball Tower Learning Resource Center (100 SWKT).

**Assistance:** A basic instruction brochure is available at the reference desks. For additional assistance inquire at the nearest reference desk.